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Annual Reports

Of The Selectmen And Other Town Officers of the Town of

ALSTEAD, NH



FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

2006

TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007

TOWN INFORMATION

Selectmen 835-2986 Meeting on Tuesdays, 7:00 PM

Town Clerk – Tax Collector 835-2242

Hours: Monday thru Wednesday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Planning Board – 2nd Monday of the month @ 7:00 PM

Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1st Monday of the month @ 7:30 PM

Zoning Officer: Hans Waldmann 835-6138

Health Officer: Randall Rhoades 835-9018 evenings

Asst. Health Officer: Lelemae O'Brien 835-2349 evenings

Conservation Commission – 1st Wednesday of the month @ 5:00 PM

Fire Department

Regular Meeting – 2nd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM

Ambulance/Rescue Squad – 2nd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM

Drills held on the 4th Monday of the month, 7:00 PM

Library Hours 835-6661

Wednesday 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Thursday & Friday, 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Saturday , 9:00 AM to 12 Noon

Transfer Station Hours 835-2425

Wednesday, 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Saturday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Town Highway Garage 835-2428

DEDICATION



THE FLOOD BABES

Martha Cooper, Mary Ann Melquist, Pam Allen, and Fran Thibault

By the evening of the a big town meeting 10 days after the flood, it had become clear to the Selectmen that we were going to need assistance handling all of the many different kinds of help that were arriving in town. So, we asked for volunteers. And volunteers we got! Mary Ann Melquist showed up at the Selectmen's office, followed by Martha Cooper, Fran Thibault, and Pam Allen. Over the course of many months, each of these wonderful people made and received hundreds of phone calls, and spent hundreds of hours in the company of flood families offering connections, compassion, and tangible support. As we look back from here, we know that Pam did a great job coordinating the donations of objects and furniture, Martha organized gobs of essential information on user-friendly spreadsheets, and Fran wrote hundreds and hundreds of Thank You cards.

Mary Ann was the all around center of energy of the "Flood Babes" (as they came to be known). Mary Ann is, as of this writing, still at work in the flood relief effort. She has dedicated her enormous energy and many talents to this work, full time, for more than a year. When we were feeling spent, Mary Ann was there to keep it all moving. When answers to questions were not satisfactory, she looked for new solutions, and found many. When approaches to situations were complicated, she was able to sort things out and clarify the intention.

And all with an upbeat can-do attitude, a genuine understanding of people, and a wry sense of humor!

To the Flood Babes in general, and Mary Ann Melquist in particular, we dedicate this year's Town Report.

We thank you for your work, your progress, your achievement, and your service!

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TOWN OFFICIALS

2006

Joel C. McCarty	Selectman	Term End 2007
William M. Moran	Selectman	Term End 2008
Matthew D. Saxton	Selectman	Term End 2009

Peter Rhoades	Moderator	Term End 2008
Gloria Seddon	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Term End 2009
Hans Waldmann	Treasurer	Term End 2008
David Crosby	Director of Public Works	Appointed
Robert Bromley	Police Chief	Appointed
Russell Pope	Animal Control	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Fire Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Forest Fire Warden	Appointed
Joel C. McCarty	Emergency Management	Appointed
Julia Cunniff	Librarian	Appointed
Hans Waldmann	Zoning Officer	Appointed
Randall Rhoades	Health Officer	Appointed

Reginald Clark	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2007
Roberta (Suzie) Young	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2008
Bruce A. Bellows	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2009

Carol Drummond	Library Trustee	Term End 2007
Mary Lou Huffling	Library Trustee	Term End 2007
Jeanne Moody	Library Trustee	Term End 2007
Carol Renzelman	Library Trustee	Term End 2008
Erin Heidorn	Library Trustee	Term End 2008

Barbara (Bobbie) Wilson	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2008
Melissa Fredriksen	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2010
Ethel Gendron	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2012

Inspector of Elections

Penny Gendron	Sandra Greene	Gertrude Putnam
	JoAnne Stevens	

Richard Nalevanko	Planning Board	Term End 2007
David Konesko	Planning Board	Term End 2007
Randall F. Rhoades	Planning Board	Term End 2008
Peter Rhoades	Planning Board	Term End 2008
Rosemarie Caffrey	Planning Board	Term End 2009
David Collins	Planning Board	Term End 2009
Gloria Seddon	Ex-Officio Member	Term End 2009
Julie Stevens	Alternate	Term End 2007
Michael Balamuth	Alternate	Term End 2009
Samuel Sutcliffe	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2007
Joseph H. Cartwright	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2007
David Collins	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2008
Dennis Molesky	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2008
Richard Minard	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2009
Dirk Doughty	Alternate	Term End 2009
Bruce Bellows	Maybell Still Memorial Building Comm	Term End 2007
David Moody	Maybell Still Memorial Building Comm.	Term End 2008
Sarah Webb	Conservation Commission	Term End 2007
Joy Nalevanko	Conservation Commission	Term End 2007
David W. Moody	Conservation Commission	Term End 2008
W. Daniel Hall	Conservation Commission	Term End 2008
Mary Hendrick	Conservation Commission	Term End 2009
Marilou Blaine	Conservation Commission	Term End 2009
Reginald Clark	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2007
Roberta (Suzie) Young	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2008
Bruce Bellows	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2009
Joel McCarty	School Board Member Alstead Rep. Fall Mt. Consolidated School Officer	Term End 2007
Alan Dustin	FMRSD Budget Committee	Term End 2007

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Place a cross (x) in either the YES or NO box after each article.

Article 2. “Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,274,670? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,180,192, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required.**

YES

NO

ARTICLE 3: “Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty three thousand eight hundred seventy four dollars (\$183,874) to reconstruct the half of Thayer Brook Road between the Acworth/Alstead town line and the Rhoades Road to a gravel surface, (including drainage, 12 inches of base gravel and 6 inches of top coat gravel) and to construct the drainage only on the half of the road between Rhoades Road and the Alstead/Marlow town line. Seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be applied from surplus, and the balance of one hundred eight thousand eight hundred seventy four dollars (\$108,874) to be raised from general taxation?

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.**

This appropriation is in addition to Article 2, the operating budget.

YES

NO

ARTICLE 4: “Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty eight thousand six hundred eleven dollars (\$158,611) to purchase a 2008 International 7600 SFA 6x4 Truck with plow for the Highway Department and authorize the withdrawal of twenty eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) from the Highway Capital Reserve fund for that purpose. Seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be applied from surplus, and the balance of fifty five thousand six hundred eleven dollars (\$55,611) to be raised from general taxation?

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.**

This appropriation is in addition to Article 2, the operating budget.

YES

NO

ARTICLE 5: “Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety four thousand dollars (\$94,000) to be placed in the following capital reserve funds?

Highway Capital Reserve Fund (est. 1988)	\$35,000
Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund (est. 1992)	35,000
Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund (est. 1992)	12,000
Police Department Capital Reserve Fund (est. 1992)	6,000
Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund (est. 2004)	6,000

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required.
This appropriation is in addition to Article 2, the operating budget**

YES NO

ARTICLE 6:“Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand seven hundred dollars (\$13,700) to repair the drainage and reset the curbing in front of the Shedd Porter Memorial Library?

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.
This appropriation is in addition to Article 2, the operating budget.**

YES NO

ARTICLE 7:”Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the repair of the stones and monuments in the Alstead Center Cemetery?

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.
This appropriation is in addition to Article 2, the operating budget.**

YES NO

ARTICLE 8:”Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for the Town’s Land Conservation Fund established in 1988 for the acquisition of land, easements, and development rights determined to be of significant environmental value to the Town?

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.
This appropriation is in addition to Article 2, the operating budget.**

YES NO

ARTICLE 9:"Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$18,500) to paint the steeple and the clock of the Alstead Historical Building?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.
This appropriation is in addition to Article 2, the operating budget.

YES **NO**

ARTICLE 10:"Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) to build a new shed at the Transfer Station and purchase a tank for recycling and authorize the withdrawal of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) from the Expendable Trust Fund created in 2005 for that purpose?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.
This article will result in no new taxation.

YES **NO**

ARTICLE 11:"Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand eight hundred eighty five dollars (\$13,885) to purchase a Boom Mower for the Highway Department and authorize the withdrawal of thirteen thousand eight hundred eighty five dollars (\$13,885) from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required.
This article will result in no new taxation.

YES **NO**

ARTICLE 12:"Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Alstead, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person of 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$20,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$40,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$60,000? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for a least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for a least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$17,500 or if married, a combined net income of \$24,000; and own net assets (excluding the value of the person's actual residence and the land upon which it is located up to the greater of 2 acres or the minimum single family residential lot size specified in the local zoning ordinance) not in excess of \$40,000?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.

YES **NO**

ARTICLE 13:"Shall the Town go on record in support of effective actions by the President and Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Alstead.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.**

YES

NO

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		57400	64307	59125	
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics		33350	26195	29850	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		36100	35521	37100	
4152	Revaluation of Property		6800	16000	22800	
4153	Legal Expense		15000	4380	14000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		140065	119758	147900	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		20420	15986	8000	
4194	General Government Buildings		107500	753053	105500	
4195	Cemeteries		3500	6458	3500	
4195	Insurance		18000	15044	18000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		3200	4633	3200	
4199	Other General Government					
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		127071	115212	185050	
4215-4219	Ambulance		39916	36629	36050	
4220-4229	Fire		57300	57010	56200	
4240-4249	Building Inspection					
4290-4298	Emergency Management				1500	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)		7500	5670	4000	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		49300	48146	47425	
4312	Highways & Streets		274000	293961	316000	
4313	Bridges					
4315	Street Lighting		10000	11219	12000	
4319	Other					
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration		24025	25611	19525	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		64645	67231	64545	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal					
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					
4328-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other					

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WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other					
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4363	Purchase Costs					
4364	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration		15000	12630	14000	
4414	Pest Control					
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other					
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assiet.		11000	11614	13200	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		10000	2752	7000	
4560-4569	Library		30000	29905	30000	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		3000	2595	3000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		1200	1018	1200	
4619	Other Conservation		6000	8000	8000	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
4651-4669	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		15000	13740	15000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.					
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-					
	Water-					
	Electric-					
	Airport-					
4916	To Capital Reserve Fund		80000	80000	94000	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917					
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds		51033	51033		
4919	To Fiduciary Funds					
SUBTOTAL 1			1317325	1931310	1376670	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount
4915	5	94,000			
4619	8	8,000			

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) In petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
	Highway Truck	33			\$158,611	
	Thayer Brook Road	2			183874	
	Historical Building	9	15475	0	18500	
	Cemetery Stone Repair	7	5000	5000	5000	
	Boom Mower	11			21885	
	Library Curbing	6			13700	
	Transfer Station Shed & Tank	10			11,000	
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	412570	XXXXXXXXXX

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		2000	23616	2000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		15000	11218	10000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		26000	34884	26000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		100	846	100
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits			20	
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		250000	274598	250000
3230	Building Permits		1100	1200	1000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		11000	4955	3000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		17000	17248	17000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		71000	77000	77000
3353	Highway Block Grant		80714	80714	77761
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		4	3	3
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3369	Other (Including Railroad Tax)			407444	
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3405	Income from Departments		15000	32991	100000
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments		10000	12649	10000
3503-3509	Other		17500	172716	0

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		79000	79000	49885
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		57000	62307	71000
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")		51033	91033	0
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS					

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	1317325	1376670
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	350475	412570
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)		
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1667800	1789240
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	703451	689449
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	964349	1094491

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

To the inhabitants of the Town of Alstead in the County of Cheshire, in said State qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Municipal Building in said Alstead on Tuesday, the 16th day of January, 2007 at 7:00 PM for public hearing on the proposed operating budget and the Town Meeting warrant.

The first session will be held on Tuesday, the 6th of February, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall for final explanation, discussion, or amendment, if necessary, of the articles on the warrant.

The final session of the Annual Town Meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 13th 2007 for the election of town officers and for voting by ballot on all warrant articles. The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 13th, 2007 from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

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a. Executive	\$ 59,125.00
b. Election, Registration & Vitals	29,850.00
c. Financial Administration	37,100.00
d. Revaluation of Property	22,800.00
e. Legal Expense	14,000.00
f. Personnel Administration	147,900.00
g. Planning & Zoning	8,000.00
h. General Government Buildings	105,500.00
i. Cemeteries	3,500.00
j. Insurance	18,000.00
k. Advertising & Regional Assn.	3,200.00
l. Police	185,050.00
m. Ambulance	36,050.00
n. Fire & Forest Fire	56,200.00
o. Emergency Management	1,500.00
p. Communications	4,000.00
q. Street Lighting	12,000.00

r. Highways & Streets	363,425.00
s. Sanitation/Solid Waste	84,070.00
t. Health Agencies	14,000.00
u. Welfare/Direct Assistance	13,200.00
v. Parks & Recreation	7,000.00
w. Library	30,000.00
x. Patriotic Purposes	3,000.00
y. Conservation Commission	1,200.00
z. Interest on T.A.N.'s	15,000.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

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This appropriation is in addition to Article 2, the operating budget.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the repair of the stones and monuments in the Alstead Center Cemetery.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

This appropriation is in addition to Article 2, the operating budget.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for the Town's Land Conservation Fund established in 1988 for the acquisition of land, easements, and development rights determined to be of significant environmental value to the Town.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

This appropriation is in addition to Article 2, the operating budget.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$18,500) to paint the steeple and the clock of the Alstead Historical Building.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

This appropriation is in addition to Article 2, the operating budget.

- Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) to build a new shed at the Transfer Station and purchase a tank for recycling and authorize the withdrawal of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) from the Expendable Trust Fund created in 2005 for that purpose.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required.

This article will result in no new taxation.

- Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty one thousand eight hundred eighty five dollars (\$21,885) to purchase a Boom Mower for the Highway Department and authorize the withdrawal of twenty one thousand eight hundred eighty five dollars (\$21,885) from the Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

This article will result in no new taxation.

- Article 12: Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Alstead, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person of 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$20,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$40,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$60,000? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$17,500 or if married, a combined net income of \$24,000; and own net assets (excluding the value of the person's actual residence and the land upon which it is located up to the greater of 2 acres or the minimum single family residential lot size specified in the local zoning ordinance) not in excess of \$40,000?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

Article 13: To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Alstead.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of Alstead encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions. By Petition.

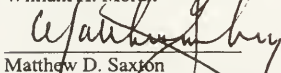
Recommended by the Selectmen

Majority vote required.

Given under our hands and seals this 29th day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Seven.

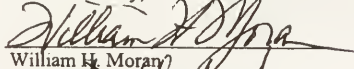
Joel C. McCarty, Chairman

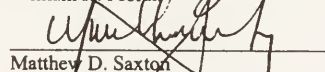

William H. Moran


Matthew D. Saxton

A true copy of Warrant – Attest

Joel C. McCarty, Chairman


William H. Moran


Matthew D. Saxton

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY VALUES

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Land	\$61,598,249	\$60,962,510
Buildings	\$109,359,500	\$110,098,400
Public Utilities		
Less Elderly & Blind Exemptions	\$205,000	\$315,000
Net Assessed Valuation	\$165,001,449	\$164,856,510
Taxes Committed to Tax Collector		
Town Property Taxes Assessed	\$ 3,068,269	\$3,405,676
Less War Service Credit	7,250	8,500
Net Property Tax Commitment	3,061,019	3,377,176
Tax Rate	18.63	\$20.68
Net School Apportionment	\$ 1,585,420	1,762,097
County Tax Assessment	281,946	322,932

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall/Offices Furniture & Equipment	\$ 37,000
Library Furniture & Equipment	30,000
Police Dept. Furniture & Equipment	45,000
Fire Department Equipment	432,050
Park Equipment	8,000
Cemetery Equipment	7,000
Highway Department Equipment	368,000

TOWN OF ALSTEAD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Highway Capital Reserve \$35,000	Highway Capital Reserve \$40,000	Highway Capital Reserve \$45,000	Highway Capital Reserve \$50,000	Highway Capital Reserve \$50,000	Highway Capital Reserve \$50,000
Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$35,000	Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$40,000	Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$45,000	Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$50,000	Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$50,000	Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$50,000
Ambulance Capital Reserve \$12,000	Ambulance Capital Reserve \$14,000	Ambulance Capital Reserve \$16,000	Ambulance Capital Reserve \$18,000	Ambulance Capital Reserve \$18,000	Ambulance Capital Reserve \$18,000
Police Dept Capital Reserve \$6,000	Police Dept Capital Reserve \$7,000	Police Dept Capital Reserve \$8,000	Police Dept Capital Reserve \$9,000	Police Dept Capital Reserve \$9,000	Police Dept Capital Reserve \$9,000
Cemetery Capital Reserve \$6,000	Cemetery Capital Reserve \$7,000	Cemetery Capital Reserve \$8,000	Cemetery Capital Reserve \$9,000	Cemetery Capital Reserve \$9,000	Cemetery Capital Reserve \$9,000
Land Conservation \$8,000	Land Conservation \$10,000	Land Conservation \$12,000	Land Conservation \$14,000	Land Conservation \$14,000	Land Conservation \$14,000
Pain Steeple ? \$18,500	Highway Dump Truck \$60,000 from Capital Reserve \$90,000	Highway Truck \$65,000 Take \$20,000 Capital Reserve \$45,000	Town Hall Capital Reserve \$30,000	Town Hall Capital Reserve \$30,000	Town Hall Capital Reserve \$30,000
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ALSTEAD ROADS

63.25 miles of maintained roads
14.9 miles are State maintained, all paved.
(Routes 12A, 123, and 123A)
48.35 miles are Town maintained.
31.15 dirt
17.20 paved

Starting in 1996 David Crosby, Road Public Works Director, developed a Ten-Year Paving Plan. He divided the Town's paved roads into 10 segments and planned to do one segment of paving each year in a recurring cycle. This process of regular paving represented the most cost effective method of maintaining these roads. Each segment could be competitively bid in advance, coordinated with adjoining Towns where appropriate for further economies, and maintained with a simple top coating (avoiding the need for expensive rebuilding projects).

Unfortunately, this plan has not been consistently implemented, and now two of the segments will require a full, and much more expensive, rebuilding effort. It is hoped that the Revised Ten-Year Paving Plan outlined below will be approved, followed as outlined, and kept on schedule. As a point of comparison, the State-maintained paved roads in Alstead have been resurfaced on average every seven years.

REVISED TEN-YEAR PAVING PLAN

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SEGMENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>
2007	10	Rebuild, add drainage and gravel first ½ of Thayer Brook Road	1 mile
2008	10	Rebuild and gravel second ½ of Thayer Brook Road, pave first ½	1 mile
2009	1	Pleasant Street, Vilas Road, and Prospect Street & second ½ Thayer Brook	1..9 miles
2010	2	North Road and Gilsum Mine Road to Pine Cliff Road	2.1 miles
2011	3	Gilsum Mine Road from Pine Cliff Road to ledge corner	1.4 miles

2006 Annual Report Alstead Board of Selectmen

As the year began, we Selectmen were still up to our ears in work connected to flood relief. The Flood Relief Committee was also full time in the effort to find every resource that could be of any use. We are glad to report that the effort was entirely worth the time spent, though we acknowledge that there is still loss being felt in the community.

Shepherding the buy-out bill through the process in Concord with the guidance of our very able representatives in the Legislature was a central focus. Also high on the list of things to pay attention to was the work being done, or being planned, by NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service). This channel bank stabilization and water course remediation work was/is projected to cost millions, and we lobbied our Federal government-types in the effort to find funds. (We are glad that Concord is not farther away, and that there is a Dunkin Donuts shop about in the middle of the trip!)

We were finding friendly people in unexpected places as donations were made and fundraisers were planned, all to benefit flood relief. It is indeed good to know that we can feel so connected to people, some of whom we don't know, in time of trouble.

In March, Matt Saxton was re-elected to the Board, and Joel McCarty, in the third year of his term, was named Chairman. The Town voted to pass every article on the Warrant.

The Police Department moved into its new offices in March, after a re-organization and re-building of the downstairs in the Town Offices. We wish to repeat our gratitude to the Langdon Selectmen and Langdon's people for our Department's use of the Baker Building as temporary quarters.

Much later than we all hoped, due to unending rainy weather, Millot Green was seeded at a time that turned out to be about half an hour before an unexpected downpour. The grass grew, sort of, but warm, dry, sunny days were few and far between. In August, a hard decision was made to try again in the thinnest places. It continued to rain (as is becoming the custom in late summer) and the grass grew well. How nice it was to see Millot Green looking like itself again! 2007 will have the Green completely back in service.

2012	4	Gilsum Mine Road from ledge Corner to Gilsum line and Baine Road	1.45 miles
2013	5	Walpole Valley Road and March Hill Road	2.6 miles
2014	6	Alstead Village & Parking Lots, Fire Station/Town Hall, Library Avenue, Summer Street, and Hill Road to Cook Hill	2.35 miles
2015	7	Drewsville Road and Homestead Road	1.3 miles
2016	8	Hill Road (from Cook Hill to 12A))	1.7 miles
2017	9	Pine Cliff Road	1.4 miles

Beginning in 2009, each of the ten paved segments would be resurfaced in the order listed above, one segment in succession each year with a simple top coating until completed in 2018. This cycle would be repeated and continued for the future, thus fulfilling a true **TEN-YEAR PAVING PLAN**.

By April, meetings and projects thinned to a point where we Selectmen could claim our regular jobs again. We are grateful for flexible employers. And we are grateful for the opportunity to know for sure that good people exist throughout NH government and in the Federal agencies that each serves its particular focus of endeavor.

A new conference room is now available, next to the Police Station, with access from the back parking lot. The Selectmen encourage the use of this space by any community-oriented groups, whether there is a Town government connection or not. It is meant to be a public space. Bring your request for use of the room to Linda Christie in the Selectmens' Office.

Also in June, Governor Lynch came back to Alstead to sign the Buy-out Bill (HB1767). This was a great day for those who chose to participate in the program, and for us all!

August brought news that the Federal Government would, in fact be funding bank and channel stabilization projects along Warren Brook and the Cold River. A sum of about \$5,000,000 has been designated for Alstead. Between the work on the watercourses, and the project to rebuild Route 123, 2007 will be full of dump trucks and heavy equipment again.

The observance at the one-year anniversary of the flood was appreciated by those who attended. We are glad that the media respected our wish for privacy under the tent. It is not our intention to repeat the observance we held last October. But we wonder if you folks of Alstead might like to transfigure the anniversary by participating in an annual decoration of the village bridge for Columbus Day weekend? You will remember that last year we had cornstalks and mums. A different group of people might take responsibility for the decorating each successive year. It could be Alstead's Columbus Day answer to Shelburne Falls' Bridge of Flowers!

The Food Shelf has found space, at least for now, at the very versatile Baker Building. The Masons were very generous with their space last year. Mary Lou informs us that more people than ever are using her program. The Food Shelf/ Friendly Meals receives no tax dollars (though the Friendly Meals uses the Town Hall on Tuesdays and on Thursdays), and exists entirely on donations. Mary Lou Huffling can be reached at 835-2283.

In August, ground was finally broken for the Elderly Housing on Pleasant Street! This is a 2.3 million dollar project, funded by the Federal and State governments. The building is scheduled to be ready for occupancy in September of 2007. There is probably a greater need for this facility than it will be able to satisfy.

The new fire truck arrived in December. It is welcome, and prepared to serve Alstead's need for the next 20 years!

The old fire truck (which started life as a garbage truck) is going to be outfitted as a roll-off truck that will be capable of trucking some of the containers at the transfer station to their ultimate destinations, thereby saving something in trucking costs, which is one of the biggest solid waste expenses. This will happen only if the truck is judged to be safe, which is still a question.

The financial records management of the Town accounts was more complicated than is usual in 2006 (as it was in 2005) due to the funds from FEMA, NRCS, Flood Relief, and insurance. And, like last year, the auditors' work will not be complete in time to have the statements included with this Town Report. These reports are public documents. When we receive them, copies will be available at the Town Office.

We are pleased that last year we had help from a wide, varied, and fascinating group of wonderful people, all of whom were working in their own way in the effort to aid Alstead's recovery. There are entirely too many to list. We can tell you that many live in Town, some live away, some are writers, some are community-oriented fundraisers, some are specifically talented, some are generally talented, some are especially kind, or clever, or resourceful. Some wear government badges, some wouldn't be caught dead wearing a government badge, some don't wear a government badge anymore. But ALL have added something positive to the experience of 2006. We are pleased to have felt so supported.

Thank you!

Joel C. McCarty

William H. Moran

Matthew D. Saxton

2006 Annual Report Alstead Police Department

The Alstead Police Department moved back into its newly rehabilitated offices in March. The new offices offer us better utilization of the available space. We were not able to recover the data lost due to the flood.

Chris Lyons resigned as Chief in March, and I assumed his duties a short time later. I worked alone until mid-August when we hired Marcello D'Alessandro who brings with him excellent credentials and over eight years of experience as a full time police officer. Marcello and his wife, Aimee, are currently renting in town and are actively looking for some land to build on.

A tremendous amount of time has been spent on re-creating the department's Policy and Procedures manual which is expected to be completed by the Spring of 2007.

Both Marcello and I are attending EMT classes with the expectation of being certified by the Spring of 2007. This training will allow us to respond to any medical emergencies and assist the Alstead Ambulance. Both cruisers are outfitted with trauma kits, oxygen, and defibrillators. We both feel this added capacity will be a great asset for the citizens of Alstead.

The Alstead Police Department recently started the Emergency Services Explorer Post # 1009. (We chose the number 1009 in remembrance of the October 9 flood.) This is a youth program for high school age students who want to learn about careers in law enforcement, fire fighting, or emergency medical services. The Alstead Explorer Post is unique and like no other Explorer Post in the area because it involves all three emergency services departments. Alstead Emergency Services Explorer Post youth participate in hands-on activities with Alstead Police, Fire and Ambulance professionals who act as advisors. The Explorer Post offers additional training in ethical decision-making through positive social interaction, leadership development, refining problem-solving skills and service to others. As of the writing of this letter there are

six members signed up and ready to get involved. Any residents interested in assisting with this program are encouraged to contact me or Officer D'Alessandro.

Last year Alstead officers traveled approximately 19,500 miles. Total incidents reported were 493. We handled 311 and Troop C covered 182. There were 37 accidents reported of which we covered 13 and Troop C covered 24. This department made 14 arrests. Alstead officers made 141 motor vehicle stops which resulted in over \$1,600 in fines. In general, things were relatively quiet last year, and I attribute this to the aftermath effects of the flood. We did recognize a visible reduction in cases of excessive speed by motorists; however, there are still pockets of problems, especially during commuting times. These will be monitored and dealt with as needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Robert L. Bromley

2006 Annual Report Alstead Animal Control

Virtually all aspects of animal related activities decreased as a result of the October 2005 flood. Dog licenses were down 10%, and domestic animal complaints were down over 50%. It was a typical year as far as wildlife complaints with a handful of sick raccoons and skunks having to be removed as a public safety concern.

There were a few interesting incidents with horses running down Forest Road, piglets straying around Lake Warren, and phantom pit-bulls on River Street. There was also one bite incident involving a cat with no known owner. As such, the cat had to be impounded for the ten-day rabies quarantine period.

In short, Alstead was unusually quiet for 2006!

Animal Control Officer
Russell Pope

**2006 Annual Report
Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

Please note that 1993 cars and up require a title to be registered. If you purchase vehicles in this age bracket from an individual, make sure they have the title.

For older vehicles - in addition to the bill of sale you need one of the following documents:

- a. Previously issued N.H. Registration.
- b. Valid Out of State Title.
- c. Verification of VIN (Form 19A).

If you have any question regarding a new registration, you may call the office. It is important to have the proper paperwork. I can process renewal registrations by mail if necessary. Please call for the amounts due. No signature is required.

The above information is very important; therefore, I have it in my report every year. I know how frustrating it is for registrants to come to the office and not be able to register their vehicle due to incomplete paperwork.

The new State computer program for Motor Vehicles has finally been completed. It was not an easy transition, and the delays were frequent. There were times we were on the phone constantly. Everybody was so patient, and I wish to thank everyone. There will always be updates and improvements, but there should not be any major problems.

Please note that when the State computer program goes down, we cannot process anything but renewals. This does not happen too often.

Reminder! Dog licenses must be renewed by April 30.

Regarding taxes, I again emphasize that one can pay whatever one is able to at any given time. To avoid interest charges it is to the taxpayers benefit to pay as much as one can.

I thank you for your support this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Seddon
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

2006 Annual Report
Highway Department Division
Public Works Department

Projects for 2006 began with the yearly trend of grading and top coat graveling several gravel roads. These two tasks start in the spring and continue through late fall.

Corbin Road by-pass was started and completed early this past summer. Trees were cut and excavation was started on rebuilding Thayer Brook Road. Several culverts were replaced throughout the town along with annual roadside mowing.

The Town purchased a new Kabota Tractor with FEMA money at no cost to the taxpayers. This tractor will be used to rock rake and do the roadside mowing. Article 11 on the 2007 Town Ballot provides for the boom mower needed to go with this tractor.

FEMA money was also used to pave areas of the flood damaged roads. These roads included Walpole Valley Road, North Road, and the Gilsum Mine Road. The FEMA grant in 2005 included dedicated funding to purchase a used Caterpillar 938G loader.

We are most grateful for the vital support of FEMA and the NH DOT in the Town's ongoing recovery from the October 2005 Flood.

The screening of all the winter sand was done on site at the Town garage saving \$2.00 per yard of material.

David Crosby
Public Works Director

2006 Annual Report Trustees of Trust Funds

We, the residents of Alstead should have a great sense of gratitude to the former residents of our Town for the generous donations they left us in the form of Trust Funds.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Vilas, to support Vilas School and Vilas Poo l
Mrs. Shedd, to support the Shedd Porter Memorial Library
Mr. & Mrs. Leon Whitton, to purchase books for the Shedd Porter Library.
Miss Maybelle Still, to Alstead Historical Soc. to preserve our history
The Charles Lufkin Family, to support the Alstead Historical Society
and a number of smaller but equally important Trust Funds

Because of the Maybelle H. Still Fund the Historical Society was able to produce the Town History (Alstead through the Years) in 1992 without asking the Town to raise funds. Again last year the Historical Society produced the story of the Flood of 2005 (Too Much Rain/Too Much Water) using funds from Miss Still's Trust Fund.

The Library received from the Whitton Endowment Fund in 2006 \$5,398.22 to purchase new books and related materials. This is a great benefit to all patrons of our wonderful library.

If anyone ever would like to establish a Trust Fund for any purpose to benefit the Town of Alstead, please contact the Trustees of Trust Funds. We would be glad to assist in any way we can.

New Cemetery Funds established during 2006

Clinton Musto	\$200.00
Maurice Burroughs	400.00
Truman & Virginia Breshears	300.00
Brenda & Richard Hayman	400.00
Stanley Sebastian	300.00
R. Kirk Lyman Jr. Family	200.00

Cemetery Lots are available and may be acquired by contacting Reginald Clark, Cemetery Commissioner at 835-6007.

Trustees of Trust Funds
Reginald Clark
Roberta Young
Bruce Bellows

2006 Annual Report

Shedd Porter Memorial Library Trustees

The Library Trustees have many thank yous to extend.

Thank you to our librarian, Julia Cunniff, who continues to do a great job running the library, year after year.

Two of our trustees moved away over the summer. Thank you to Jeanne Moody and Carol Drummond for stepping in to fill their spots. And thank you to David Vincent and Jeanna Genest Fay for serving on the Board the last few years.

Big news for the library this year was the addition of Saturday hours. Since June, the library has been open on Saturdays from 9:00am to 12 noon. Now the library is actually open more days during the week than it is closed. Thank you to Lark Leonard, Verna Niles, Gaale Klein, and Julia Cunniff for making Saturdays possible.

Creating more space for a continually growing book collection is always a challenge, and it is even more so when you try to do this in a historically beautiful building. Thank you to everyone who filled out a library survey, and thank you to those who donated money towards our bookshelves. So far we have received a \$2,500 grant from the Saul O. Sidore Foundation plus over \$900 in responses to our survey. Thank you to Ken Macalear of Video Headquarters in Keene for donating several shelving units for our children's department. Thank you to David Crosby and his crew for delivering them. And thank you to Sam Kong and David Huffling for assembling them. These shelves greatly reduce the amount of money needed to fulfill our goal.

The Trustees plan to hold a fundraiser to continue our bookshelf purchasing effort. Tapestries depicting town landmarks will be on sale this summer, hopefully in time for the Alstead Festival.

Thank you to the town for buying the library a new furnace and replacing the old oil tanks. Hopefully this furnace will stay on.

In May, the library received a grant from the CLiF Literacy Foundation, resulting in \$1200 worth of new children's books. A presentation was made at the primary school where students were able to be the first to view and check out the new books. Thank you CLiF! And thank you Peerless Insurance of Keene who was our matching donor for this grant.

A rug hooking group is now meeting in the children's room every second Wednesday of the Month, from September to June, 6:00pm to 7:45pm. Feel free to stop by to see what they are working on and to talk rugs with them.

A reciprocal lending agreement has been arranged with the Acworth Silsby Library. Acworth residents are now able to use the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library free of charge, and Alstead and Langdon residents are now able to use the Silsby Library free of charge.

Thank you to Mr. Yatemen and his Boy Scout Troop for removing several boxes of old books from the library for us.

For those of you interested, the monthly library minutes are now available on the Town's website.

One further note: A recent amendment to the NH Trust Code has enabled our Trust Officers to reinvest the portfolio in more diverse and current stock options. We expect to see a gradual improvement in our income from the Shedd Fund over the next five to ten years.

Sincerely,

The Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Board of Trustees

Erin Heidorn, Chair

Mary Lou Huffling, Treasurer

Carol Renzelman, Corresponding Secretary

Jeanne Moody, Recording Secretary

2006 Annual Report
Shedd Porter Memorial Library

Once again the Alstead library was the recipient of a \$1,200 grant for juvenile books from CLIF, the Children's Literacy Foundation. Located in Waterbury Center, Vermont under the direction of Duncan McDougall, this organization makes books available to rural libraries, bookmobiles, prisons, and shelters.

"Beware! The Pirates of the Cold River" was the theme for this summer's reading program. We enjoyed a visit from author-illustrator, Tracy Kane, who took us through the steps in how a book is made. She also helped us build fairy houses and caves. Betsy Bennett from the Nature Museum in Grafton, Vermont shared her knowledge of the New England seacoast. Richard Yeatman was "The Pirate." "Aaargh! Shiver Me Timbers." We made treasure maps with Bronwen Jones. One rainy summer day we created pressed flower bookmarks. Our storytime readers were Betty Whipple, Bob Cunniff, Jocelyn Morrison, and Judy Boivin. Thanks to all for your help. Also, thanks to Kindergarten teacher, Lorraine Chaffee, for her great decorations.

Thanks to all the many people who have made donations to the library: Miss Catherine MacDonald for the Marquis George MacDonald Foundation of New York, the Lufkin Family, Mr. Ward Archer and friends of California, the Maltby Family of NYC, Bob Cunniff of Galloway Tours and Services, Royal Holmes, and the Shorts.

Thanks to Wendi Pacek for telling us about the 8 free bookcases at Video Headquarters in Keene.

Thanks to my assistant, Peggy Fullan, and subs, Gaale Klein, Lark Leonard, and Verna Niles for all their help. Thanks also to the Trustees and the people of Alstead and Langdon for their continued support.

Sincerely,
Julia Cunniff
Librarian

2006 Annual Report Alstead Planning Board

The Alstead Planning Board had another busy year with twenty-five meetings, which included two joint meetings with the Zoning Board of Adjustment to for Public Hearings on three Applications that required approval from both Boards. There was no additional work pertaining to proposing amendments to the Town's ordinances, in direct result of the hard work performed over the past few years by both the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment in this area.

Southwest Region Planning Commission attended four meetings this year, and work on completing the Basic Studies section of the Master Plan, and the Land Use Maps, continued. The final edited version of the Basic Studies Section was given back to Southwest Region Planning Commission in December. With the continued approved funding to work with Southwest Region Planning Commission in the coming year to complete the Comprehensive Plan, this work, which is due to start early in 2007, will complete the Master Plan update. Public participation will be asked for, and needed, during this process, and is always welcome.

The Planning Board still plans to start work on updating the Subdivision Regulations as time allows, as well as a few other forms/permits that would benefit from revision.

The Alstead Planning Board received and approved seven minor subdivisions, two major subdivisions, and two Site Plan Reviews, resulting directly from damage of the flood on 10/9/05. There were a number of preconceptual consultations throughout the year, regarding both the before-mentioned Applications, as well as many other potential Applications.

The regular meeting of the Alstead Planning Board is held on the second Monday of each month at the Alstead Municipal Building at 7:00PM. Work meetings are scheduled, as needed, on the fourth Monday of the month. Anyone interested in participating is welcome.

The Board would like to thank Hans Waldmann for his past participation and contributions to the Planning Board. It would also like to welcome

David (Boo) Collins to the Board. The Board has openings for Alternate Members. If interested, please contact any Member of the Planning Board, or Members of the Select Board, for more information. We would welcome your participation and input!

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Marsden/Administrative Assistant

Peter Rhoades, Chairman

Randy Rhoades

Rich Nalevanko

David Collins

Juliana Stevens-Alternate

Gloria Seddon

David Konesko

Rose Marie Caffrey

Michael Balamuth-Alternate

2006 Annual Report Alstead Cemetery Commission

Regular maintenance of our seven cemeteries and the Warren Monument was performed from early spring to late fall by Reginald Clark and William and Jean Rhoades.

The money raised last year was expended in the Alstead Center Cemetery on stone and monument repair. There are no longer head stones lying flat on the ground or broken in half or worse, although to the casual observer who might visit Alstead Center Cemetery for the first time, they would probably think nothing was ever done. There are still many headstones in serious need of new bases, straightening and repair before they fall over or become broken. Thus we have another warrant article to continue to address the problem.

Working with William Lawrence & Associates, we laid out a plot plan for the lower level of Pine Grove Cemetery, and Mr. Lawrence is upgrading Ben Porter's map of Pine Grove.

Cemetery lots are available and maybe acquired by contacting Reginald Clark, Cemetery Commissioner at 835-6007.

Alstead Cemetery Commission

Reginald Clark

Roberta Young

Bruce Bellows

2006 Annual Report Alstead Ambulance

This past year the Alstead Ambulance responded to 149 emergency calls, 104 medical, 16 trauma, 13 public assist and 5 fire standby calls.

Tom Fredriksen stepped down as Captain in late July after helping the squad transition from the year of the flood, and helping to implement the new billing system. Thank you, Tom, for your continued service to the Town of Alstead.

Squad members learned to file the additional paperwork for insurance billing purposes, and the Town received \$20,711.35 in compensation for services rendered from insurance companies.

The State of NH has also implemented a new statewide system for reporting emergency calls named TEMSIS. Learning this computerized reporting system required additional training but will allow for careful tracking of calls and build a database of hopefully useful knowledge that will lead to further improvements in pre-hospital emergency care.

We currently have 14 members, including both our Police Chief, Bob Bromley, and Officer Marcello D'Alessandro who are completing their coursework for becoming EMT-Basic's. We are always interested in adding new members to the squad. If you have an interest and would like to learn more please contact a squad member or call the Town Office.

Recently under the leadership of the Police Department an Explorer Club was formed to allow area youth, age 14-18, a chance to learn about all three areas of emergency services in town, Police, Fire and Ambulance. Contact any of these departments if you are interested in learning more about this program.

I would like to say that one of the things that helps me be able to get up and answer the call when the tone goes off at 2 am and it's 0 degrees outside is the cooperation and teamwork of all the members of the emergency services in Alstead working together to serve the Town's people.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anton Elbers, Ambulance Captain

2006 Annual Report Alstead Fire Department

Calls for 2006 were down from previous years, perhaps a respite from the events of 2005. During 2006 the Fire Department was recognized by the New Hampshire Fire Service Committee of Merit for actions during the 2005 New Hampshire Floods, the Salvation Army for Outstanding Service, and the United State Postal Service for Heroic Efforts, before, during, and after the Flood of October 9, 2005. Also four members of the Department were given awards by the Southwest Chapter of the American Red Cross for Heroism: Captain Don Martin, III; Lieutenant David Olmstead; Firefighters Jodi Kercewich and Sonja Anderson. Again a thank you to all members of the department and the community for their help during that time.

During 2006 the Department received a grant for twenty-seven portable radios that are compatible with the statewide radio interoperable system. These portables also came with speakermics and chargers. The cost of these radios to the state was over fifty thousand dollars and cost the town nothing. We also replaced the base station in the Village Fire Station with a compatible radio. This upgrade will enable us to make full use of the different frequencies available to the department. This enhancement also includes full use of the new repeater the Town installed on Cobb Hill. These steps will help improve communications townwide.

The new tanker approved by the voters in 2006 has recently been delivered and will improve our ability to transport water to areas that do not have water sources. We are also working with North Country Resource Conservation and Development to map and upgrade the Town's water supplies for fire fighting.

I would like to thank the members of the department and the community for their support and assistance over the last year. Also, we are always looking to enlarge our roster; anyone wishing to join the department may contact a member of the department or the Municipal Offices for information.

Activity Report 2006

Meetings	12
Drills	10
Training	4
Structure Fires	2
Mutual Aid	11
Motor Vehicle Accidents	14
Chimney Fires	4
Vehicle Fires	1
Alarm Sounding	6
Co Alarms	1
Smoke Investigations	1
Trees/Wires Down	7
Illegal Burns	3
Brush Fires	1
Drowning	1
Haz Mat.	1
Flooded Cellar	2
Subject Down in Woods	2

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Kercewich
Chief, Alstead Fire Department

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

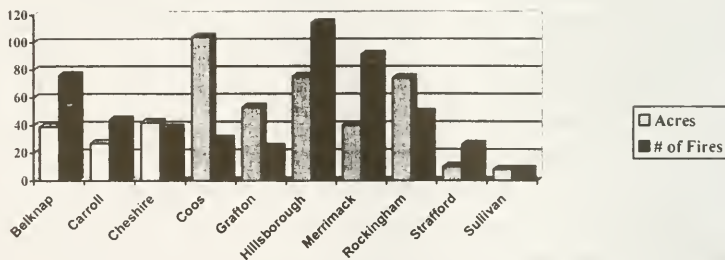
Fire activity was very high during the first several weeks of the 2006 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in many sections of the state. The largest forest fire during this period occurred in late April and burned 98 acres. The extremely dry conditions in spring resulted in over twice the amount of acreage burned than in all of 2005. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 6 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2006 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 8, 2006)

(figures do not include fires on the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	39	76
Carroll	27	44
Cheshire	42	38
Coos	104	30
Grafton	53	24
Hillsborough	75	114
Merrimack	40	91
Rockingham	74	49
Strafford	10	26
Sullivan	8	8



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

		Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	15	2006 500	473
Campfire	24	2005 546	174
Children	13	2004 482	147
Smoking	50	2003 374	100
Debris	284		
Railroad	3		
Equipment	4		
Lightning	1		
Misc.*	106		

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

2006 Annual Report Conservation Commission

The warrant article sponsored by the Conservation Commission to put aside money into the Conservation Fund was passed by town vote in March. This is a fund to promote conserving land and open space. In 2006, an additional 100 privately owned acres were put into a conservation easement. The Town was able to contribute some of the money from the Conservation Fund to the Monadnock Conservancy for easement monitoring. We would be pleased to provide information and guidance to residents considering a conservation easement.

The National Arbor Day Foundation awarded the town of Alstead "Tree City" status for the fourth consecutive year. During the Arbor Day celebration on April 28 at the Vilas Middle School, the Conservation Commission received a new Tree City flag and sticker for the one remaining sign on behalf of the town. The Arbor Day Foundation agreed to provide three more Tree City signs because one of ours had washed away during the Oct. 2005 flood. A Purple Beech, donated by National Grid, was planted behind the school near the new greenhouse in honor of the assistance that the Town received from local residents, neighboring communities, throughout the State and through Federal funding. Students read about their flood related experiences, the Middle School chorus sang Trees Across America and NH Division of Forest donated 200 White Cedar seedlings for students (K-8) to take home and plant, after signing a pledge to care for them. Students from Vilas Middle School in Mr. Harrison's Science class bagged White Cedar seedlings, provided by the State Nursery, that were given to workers after Earth Day clean-up. National Grid also provided a White Cedar that was planted at Alstead Primary School, with the help of Arbor Bear and Blaine Lessard, local National Arbor Day poster winner and Abigail Pacek, runner-up. Forestry volunteers presented an educational program to individual classrooms K-8 where students learned how trees make a difference in our lives.

Approximately 84 people participated in the Earth Day Cleanup on April 29. Over 50 people joined us for breakfast at Millot Green and then joined work crews to clean up the 25 roads (55 miles). Phil and Janet Warren's team of horses pulled a wagon of volunteers to pick up trash along Town roads. Two five-year-old Liberty Elm trees from "Litter Free New Hampshire" were received for our efforts and were planted behind the Historical Society Building. The 2 trees that were received in 2005 were planted in front of the library.

On May 3, NH Division of Forest and Lands presented a program at the Library to help us identify hazard trees in the community. These weakened trees potentially fall on power lines, personal property or in a place where people gather. In late October, we accompanied an arborist who donated 4 hours and identified 30 hazard trees in Alstead which most need attention.. The list was shared with the Selectmen and National Grid.

At the Town Festival, we provided current information on plantings that help prevent stream bank erosion, planting gardens to encourage birds and butterflies, and a geologic time line and rock display.

We applied for and received a Mini Forestry Grant to plant shrubs around the Historical Society Building, plant, mulch, fertilize the Elms at the library and fertilize the trees on the Alstead Center Green.

We sold compost bins, kitchen pails and rain barrels for the 5th year to assist people in reducing kitchen waste at the transfer station by composting and enriching their soil. There are some compost bins (\$35), kitchen pails (\$10), and rain barrels (\$65) available.

In September, we sponsored a Geologist talk and walk along the Cold River where Dr. Jack Ridge spoke about the glacial history of the area and explained the ancestral course of the Cold River and the pot holes and other evidence of its turbulent past as it flowed

around the back of Cock Hat Hill. This natural area is a gem and should be protected for the future. In early October, conservation commissioners monitored conservation easements held by the town by walking the properties and filing the reports to the Society of the Protection of NH Forests and the NH Office of State Planning. Commissioners attended the annual meeting/day long workshop of NH Conservation Commissioners in early November and the re-certification application for Tree City has been submitted to the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Commissioners have responded to questions from residents about permitting regulations, wetlands, and environmental concerns. We have provided information to the Southwest Regional Planning Commission regarding easements in Alstead and worked with the Planning Board in reviewing and updating the Master Plan for the Town.

Cultural/Recreational Resource Maps of Alstead are still available at the town offices and the library for \$2 each. The Conservation Commission meets at the town office at 5 PM on the first Wednesday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,
The Alstead Conservation Commission
Joy Nalevanko, Chair

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee

Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster and Walpole

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee (CRLAC) consists of citizen representatives appointed by select boards from Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster, and Walpole. The CRLAC supports municipal boards and is developing a Watershed Management Plan that will assist towns in managing water resources. The LAC reviews river corridor projects needing state and federal permits and assists on issues of local or statewide significance.

CRLAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2006:

1. Municipal Conservation, Planning & Health Assistance

- Received a grant to further our work in the watershed on protection plans for drinking water sources at schools.
- Continued work on a voluntary watershed management plan for the Cold River.
- Completed outreach visits to the Acworth, Alstead and Lempster Conservation Commissions regarding post-flood environmental issues and our water quality monitoring program.
- Hosted a joint meeting with Alstead Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Selectboard representatives regarding post-flood environmental issues.
- Reviewed and commented on numerous river corridor rebuilding projects on a local and state level.
- Assisted Alstead with the resolution of a Lake Warren water quality degradation issue.

2. Workshops, Events & Education

- Participated in DES' May 2006 public informational session on post-flood environmental issues.

- Presented *The Health of Our Streams and the October 2005 Flood* at the Alstead Primary School.
- Provided watershed and water quality information at the Lake Warren Association annual meeting and the CT River Joint Commissions' Wantastiquet Region meeting in April.
- Completed the *Atlas of the Cold River and the Cold River Watershed* for public distribution.
- Hosted two field trips to the flood-damaged areas and water quality monitoring sites for Leland & Gray 8th graders from Townshend, VT.
- Presented *Water Resources in the Cold River Watershed* at St. John's Episcopal Church in Walpole.
- Interviewed with local radio, newspaper and television representatives about flood recovery.
- Participated in the 2006 NH Watershed Conference and Alstead Festival.
- Assisted Alstead Historical Society with the assembly of flood-related photos and a review of portions of *Too Much Water, Too Much Rain*, documenting the 2005 flood and its aftermath.

3. Water Quality & Quantity Monitoring

- Completed the initial phase of our comprehensive surface water characterization program.
- Prepared a summary of the successes and challenges of the monitoring program for the inaugural DES newsletter *Streamlines*.
- Completed three "routine" and three additional water quality and stream stage monitoring events on the Cold River and its tributaries as part of NH's Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP).
- Added new sampling sites at Newell Pond, Warren Brook and Dodge Brook.
- Solicited and received DES funding for additional bacteria, nutrient, salt and metal analyses.

- Represented the Cold River on the NH Stream Gauging Task Force in Concord.

The Advisory Committee welcomes your participation on any of our projects. We meet on the third Thursday of each month, 7- 9PM, usually in the Alstead Town Offices. To be on our email notices for workshops or water quality monitoring events, please call any LAC member.

Two long time board members stepped down this year. We wish to express our deep appreciation for many years of service to Howard Weeks of Alstead and Pam O'Hara of Walpole.

Sincerely,

Acworth: Deborah Hinman (Chair)

Alstead: Mike Heidorn, Carol Drummond, and Sam Sutcliffe (Treasurer)

Langdon: Jennifer Polcari (Vice Chair) and Cathy MacDonald

Lempster: Vacant

Walpole: Charles Montgomery (scribe), Austin Hunter, Laura Malinoski-Adams

2007 Annual Report Alstead Historical Society

The Alstead Historical Society had another exciting and busy year implementing projects begun in 2005. In December 2005, the Society was awarded one of 26 grants made by the History Channel's *Save Our History* program. Much of 2006 was spend working with teachers and students in the Fall Mountain School District to prepare and publish *Too Much Water, Too Much Rain: The Story of the Alstead Flood*. During the Spring Lark Leonard and Jeanne and David Moody met several times a week with Taunya Lincoln and Bill Ranauro and students Cassandra Kreek, Ian Relihan, Nicole Varone, and Emily Kreek to collect and organize information for the book. Heather Gendron spent long hours getting the final manuscript in shape for printing during the Fall. Paul Rodrigue and Charlie Brady prepared a CD , *Water Rising, A Collective Narrative of the Alstead Flood of 2005* that provided many stories for inclusion in the flood book. When all was said and done, 43 Fall Mountain Regional High School students assisted in interviewing and transcribing oral histories from more than 100 adult members of the community; 36 children from The Orchard School, Alstead Primary School, and the Acworth School took part in interviews drew pictures, and/or wrote stories about the flood; 30 students from Vilas Middle school contributed essays about the flood and 7 students assisted in the Millot Green Artifact Recovery Project; 103 photographers contributed 6,500 pictures to the project; and 20 members of the AHS assisted creating scrapbooks of news clippings and in parts of the flood documentation project. As a result of the students' efforts, the AHS Save Our History Project was one of 10 projects selected to attend a national awards ceremony in Washington, DC. Without the grant from the History Channel and the enthusiastic support and cooperation of the community, this project would not have happened.

The AHS also is greatly indebted to the Town of Alstead for the enormous amount of support that we received. Two thousand books, the complete press run of the book was sold out in the three weeks before Christmas. Gloria Seddon at the Town Office, Delvina Kearney at the Alstead Village Market, Tammy Gendron, at Tammy's Brick House Floral, Julia Cuniff at the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library kindly made space to distribute the flood books. This plus the sales from local bookstores in Keene and Bellows Falls, enabled the AHS to print an additional 3,000 books in January 2007.

AHS sponsored a number of events during the year. In January, Ernest Bell of Keene gave a presentation on mapmaking in New Hampshire and Cheshire County with examples taken from his extensive collection. The Society also sponsored two Quilt Days during which members of the New Hampshire Quilt Documentation Project photographed and described 80 quilts owned by Alstead residents. AHS acquired copies of the photographs of each of these wonderful pieces of family history. During the Alstead Festival, the AHS displayed a giant map of Warren Brook showing the location and pictures of houses before and after the flood prepared by Bruce Bellows with Dale and Lorraine Dustin and a photographic exhibit of flood pictures selected and organized by Taffi Brown. The map and a much larger collection of photographs were displayed in the AHS Museum on the anniversary of the flood and on weekends during October 2006. AHS is indebted to the community members who assisted in keeping the building open.

This year we hope to get back to our usual business of documenting Alstead's past. Please remember the AHS when cleaning out attics and barns. Your society is always interested in acquiring letters, diaries, photographs and artifacts of Alstead's past. New members to assist with projects are always welcome.

Bruce A. Bellows, President

**2006 Annual Report
Fall Mountain Food Shelf
Fall Mountain Friendly Meals**

2006 was a year of many blessings for the Fall Mountain Foodshelf. The Mason's very generously allowed us the use of the Masonic Lodge in Langdon for the Foodshelf until October 1st. In October we moved the Foodshelf to the Baker Building in Langdon. The Baker Building has been an ideal site as it is a central location for the towns we serve as well as being bright and cheery. There is also ample parking and it is easy to unload truck loads of food. We are very grateful to the people of Langdon for their kindness.

During 2006 at our Langdon site, we provided over 3500 families with food and personal care items thanks to the loving generosity of the people of the Fall Mountain area. We are in our 29th year and have never

turned anyone away because of lack of food. In March and April , we are once again participating in the Feinstein Foundation Million Dollar Challenge Against Hunger. Any food items donated during this time count as a dollar donation and all monetary donations count toward a proportional matching grant from the foundation.

We have been told we can stay at the Baker Building until October 1st, 2007. We do hope and pray the Langdon Selectmen reconsider and allow us to remain there as this is a central location for those we support, and our organization is a vital part of the community we live in.

The Fall Mountain Friendly Meals is in its 20th year, providing 65 to 75 congregate meals as well as 155 to 165 meals on wheels to area residents each Tuesday and Thursday. Again we are grateful for all the many local people of all ages who lovingly volunteer their time and/or money to make this possible.

We wish to thank the Town of Alstead for the use of the Town Hall to serve the meals for the past 20 years. We thank the Town of Langdon for allowing us to store the Friendly Meals food at the Baker Building since the flood. We also want to thank the Mason's for the use of the Masonic Hall kitchen these many years. We serve so many meals; we need use of a commercial stove and kitchen. The meals are not only food for the body but food for the spirit. The congregate meals provide not only a nutritious home cooked meal, but companionship. The meals on wheels provide not only a home cooked meal but someone stopping by for a visit (We also give hugs).

The main financial support for the Foodshelf and the Friendly Meals comes from the generosity of all our local people. We hope that you will continue your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Huffling

2006 Annual Report Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had 11 meetings this year, and received four Variance requests and one Special Exception Request – all of which were approved. Three of the Variance requests were held as a joint Public Hearing process with both the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board.

There was no additional work pertaining to proposing amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance, in direct result of the hard work performed over the past few years by both the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board. The Board continued working hard on updating all of its forms, applications and Instructions to Applicants. Work on updating the Rules of Procedure will be finished in early 2007.

The ZBA meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30PM, at the Alstead Municipal Building. The public is always welcome.

The Board would like to welcome Dirk Doughty, the new Alternate Member. The Board is currently looking for additional Members. Any citizen interested in becoming a Member is encouraged to contact any Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Members of the Select Board, or the Town Clerk. Your participation would be welcomed!

David (Boo) Collins, Chairman
Dennis Molesky, Vice Chairman
Richard Minard, Member
Samuel Sutcliffe, Member
Joseph Cartwright, Member
Dirk Doughty, Alternate Member

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Marsden, Administrative Assistant

2006 BIRTHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
01/18	Lebanon	Thompson, Aaron Jacob	Thompson, Kenneth	Thompson, Linda-Lee
03/03	Keene	Gillette, Josephine Grace	Gillette, Matthew	Gillette, Petra
03/06	Keene	McGarvey, Karri JoAnn	McGarvey, James	McGarvey, Wendy
03/18	Keene	Wells, Camden Jon	Wells, Edwin	Wells, Melanie
04/02	Keene	Rathke, Daniela Jeanne	Rathke, Todd	Rathke, Sandra
05/28	Keene	Lounder, Lexi Mae	Lounder, Jeremy	Lounder, Michelle
06/14	Keene	Keegan, Seamus Wood	Keegan, Patrick	Wood, Shannon
07/06	Keene	Westcott, Dylan Alexander	Westcott, Joel	O'Kane, Erica
07/12	Lebanon	Fenn, Greta Elizabeth	Fenn, Lawrence	Oswald, Susan
08/02	Lebanon	Weinstein, Ilsa Michaud	Weinstein, Aaron	Michaud, Rebecca
09/29	Keene	Cannon, Jada Marie	Lucas, Adam	Cannon, Laura
10/25	Claremont	Parrott, Nicholas John	Parrott, John	Parrott, Donna
12/04	Lebanon	Patch, Braydon William	Patch, Gary	Patch, Kelly
12/04	Lebanon	Patch, Tyson Patrick	Patch, Gary	Patch, Kelly

2006 MARRIAGES

<u>Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Date</u>
Castriotta, Martin	Alstead	Denny, Ellen H.	Alstead	Alstead	02/19
Anderson, Garry E.	Alstead	Wellspeak, Audrey R.	Alstead	Alstead	04/22
Brooks, Joseph L.	Alstead	McElroy, Jessica L.	Alstead	Walpole	05/06
Smith, Richard H.	Alstead	Doolittle, Marcy	Alstead	Alstead	05/19
Gillis, Aaron D.	Alstead	White, Christine M.	Alstead	Alstead	05/20
Hobbs, Robert J.	Alstead	Lyons, Darlene M.	Alstead	Alstead	05/20
Sellers, Frank L.	Alstead	Witalis, Kimberly I	Chesterfield	Alstead	05/20
Nelson, Allan M.	Alstead	Barratt, Theresa N.	Alstead	Rindge	06/03
Campbell, Warren H.	Alstead	Hatch, Viola D.	Alstead	Charlestown	06/10
Vose, Matthew E.	Alstead	Holland, Elizabeth A.	Alstead	Alstead	06/17
Plummer, Richard A.	Alstead	Bourque, Heidi M.	Alstead	Keene	06/17
Kilton, Theodore R.	Alstead	Landis, Brynne H.	Alstead	Alstead	07/08
Pacheco, Stephen F.	Alstead	Snelling, Meredith T.	Alstead	Alstead	07/15
Jackman, Barry J.	Alstead	O'Brien, Elice M.	Alstead	Bartlett	08/12
Hakey, Dwayne A.	Alstead	Dunton, Karen P.	Alstead	Walpole	11/25
				Alstead	12/16

2006 Deaths

<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date</u>
Musto, Clinton	Lebanon	02/22
Bouchard, Phyllis	Keene	02/26
Burroughs, Maurice	Keene	03/02
Gryszko, Joseph	Keene	03/08
Noonan Jr., Timothy W.	Kauai Hawaii	03/14
Thurston Sr. Carlton	Westmoreland	03/23
Derrey, Barbara	Alstead	05/05
Mousley, George	Winchester	05/30
Wilson Sr., Lawrence	Alstead	06/08
Hancock, Christine	Swanzey Center	06/17
Ramsey, Cameron	Lebanon	06/26
Hayman, Brenda	Alstead	07/16
Garland Jr., George	Keene	08/05
St. Cyr, Hazel	Keene	08/11
Sebastian, Stanley	Keene	08/12
Rose, Dorothy	Alstead	08/19
Elbers, Anton	Alstead	09/26
Bruzgis, Alexander	Westmoreland	09/28
Lique, Ruth	Keene	10/14

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